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SUBJECT: CYPRUS WILL ATTEND VIENNA FORUM TO FIGHT HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING

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(SBU) Per reftel, PolOff demarched Doros Venezis, Department of Multilateral Affairs, Cypriot MFA on February 7 regarding the United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking (UN.GIFT) and the February 13-15 Vienna Forum to Human Trafficking. Venezis reported that Cyprus would send its permanent UN representative in Vienna to attend the Forum. It was impossible for anyone from the Cypriot Ministry of Interior (MoI) -- which normally represents Cyprus at TIP-related conferences -- to travel to Vienna, since the MoI was occupied with Cyprus's upcoming (February 17 and 24) presidential elections. Venezis confided that the MoI also was upset over the Forum "being rescheduled two or three times already," which may have contributed to the decision not to attend.  
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